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FDA Commissioner
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 00D-1598

Dear FDA:

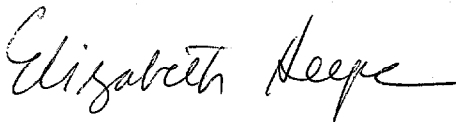
I feel that your proposed guidelines for the voluntary labelling of genetically engineered (GE) foods are unacceptable; the industry will not choose to label this food. I want mandatory labelling.

I want to be able to make an informed choice about what I, and my family, eat.

I also believe that labelling should be required so that if ill effects are discovered in the future GE foods are traceable.

Please take a more precautionary approach to this new technology, as the governments of the European Union, New Zealand, and Japan are. Both the E.U./U.S. Biotechnology Consultative Forum and the Consumer Federation of America have recommended mandatory labelling of genetically engineered foods. The FDA should heed this. Genetically engineered foods need to be tested and labeled!

Sincerely,

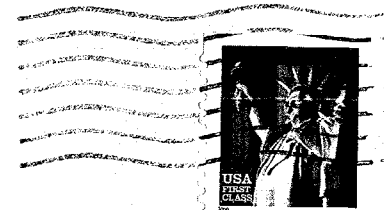


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